

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 8, 2005

Mr. I. Lewis Libby  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Vice President  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Libby:

As you are aware, in the matter of the ongoing investigation of the leaking of the covert status of a Central Intelligence Agency operative (Valerie Wilson), the President has promised that his Administration will “fully cooperate” with the investigation.<sup>1</sup> We are concerned that your conduct may have fallen far short of the President’s pledge of full cooperation. This is particularly important because the President has said he would only fire someone who actually committed a crime;<sup>2</sup> your refusal to waive Ms. Miller’s pledge of confidentiality is impeding the full cooperation that could lead to such an administrative sanction. We ask you to rectify this by immediately issuing a personal waiver to *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller and any other reporter with whom you discussed Mrs. Wilson.

It has been over two years since Robert Novak wrote his column outing Mrs. Wilson as a covert CIA operative on weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Novak noted that he had discussed Mrs. Wilson’s classified role at the CIA with “senior administration officials.”

New information has come to light that indicates that you met with *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller on July 8, 2003, and discussed Mrs. Wilson.<sup>3</sup> Because this meeting took place six days before columnist Robert Novak was first to report the identity of the covert CIA operative, Special Prosecutor Patrick J. Fitzgerald has reportedly determined that it may well be relevant to the ongoing probe. However, according to the same report, his investigation has been impeded by your lack of cooperation, specifically your failure to produce a personal waiver to

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<sup>1</sup>The President, Remarks at a Joint Press Availability with Australian Prime Minister John Howard (June 3, 2004) (available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/06/20040603-3.html>).

<sup>2</sup>Jim VandeHei & Mike Allen, *Bush Raises Threshold for Firing Aides in Leak Probe*, WASH. POST, July 19, 2005, at A1.

<sup>3</sup>Murray Waas, *The Meeting*, THE AMERICAN PROSPECT ONLINE EDITION (Aug. 6, 2005) (available at <http://www.prospect.org/web/page.ww?section=root&name=ViewWeb&articleId=10077>).

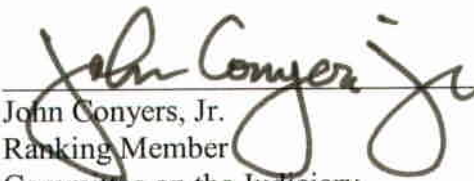
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Ms. Miller.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, in a March 2005 filing with the court hearing the case, Mr. Fitzgerald stated he could not close the matter because of Ms. Miller's inability to testify about conversations with senior government officials. In response to similar concerns expressed by Mr. Fitzgerald about *Time* reporter Matthew Cooper, Karl Rove, the Deputy White House Chief of Staff, granted a personal waiver to Mr. Cooper. Your failure to grant such a waiver to Ms. Miller has apparently led her to refuse to testify about her conversation(s) with you and, in turn, led to her recent incarceration for civil contempt.

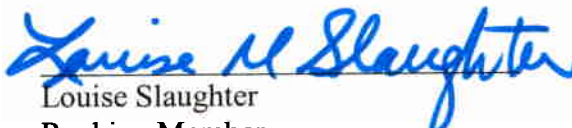
Only your willingness to step forward and permit Ms. Miller to testify about your July 8 meeting and any other communications with her will allow the whole truth to be known. We urge you to immediately and publicly rectify this by issuing a personal waiver to Ms. Miller.

We look forward to your immediate response. Please reply through the Judiciary Committee Democratic office, 2142 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515 (tel: 202-225-6504; fax: 202-225-4423).

Sincerely,



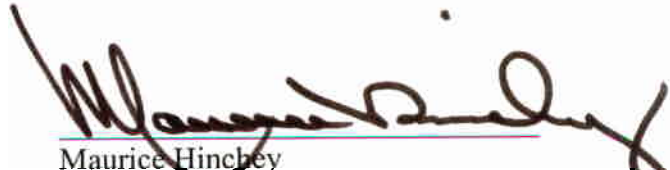
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<sup>4</sup>Ms. Miller apparently believes that the general waivers issued by White House officials are "inherently coercive" and inadequate.